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Re: PCT Patent Application No. PCT/IL98/00297
in the name of: BE4 Ltd., *et al.*
Title: SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING AN
ARTIFICIAL SOUND ENVIRONMENT
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RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the International Preliminary Examination Report, completed and mailed on October 5, 1999, in the above-referenced application.

In view of the Written Opinion, based on the cited prior art references, we enclose herewith three copies of amended specification page 4 and additional page 4A. On page 4, reference to the cited D1 and D5 has been added. The Examiner's attention is directed to the first full paragraph on page 4, originally including a reference to U.S. Patent 5,181,248, which corresponds to the cited D3 EP A-0438281. The number of the cited EP reference has been added in brackets, following the U.S. patent number.

We believe that we have thus complied with the Examiner's request in Section VII(1) of the written opinion.

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Also enclosed are three copies of a revised set of claims and a single copy of the revised claims, in which the amendments have been clearly indicated. The Examiner will readily note that the claims have been amended in accordance with the observations concerning novelty and inventive step, as set forth in the Written Opinion, *inter alia* taking into consideration other formal issues which were raised. Since claims 1 and 9 are now restricted to the feature of original claim 3, we believe that the objections can be removed.

Concerning the formal matter raised in Section VII(2) and (3), since this formal matter is not customary in countries like the U.S., Israel and others, we respectfully request the Examiner to waive this demand and leave the formal amendment to be performed at the national level where necessary, when the national phase applications are filed.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration of the application and a favorable report are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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